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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/990,507
Filing Date: November 21, 2001
For: **Methods for Fluxless Brazing**
Inventor: Kostas F. DOCKUS *et al.*
Our Ref: 02057.0167.NPUS00

Sir:


The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
2. Response to Restriction Requirement;
3. Information Disclosure Statement;
4. Form PTO 1449 (2 pages) with 28 attached references;
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

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